

# WSAHCC

Washington State Alliance for Healthy Communities of Color

April 28, 2006

Dear Colleagues,

On June 7, 2006 the Washington State Alliance for Healthy Communities of Color (WSAHCC) will present **ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES: “FROM POLICIES TO PRACTICE”**. This forum will explore the development of public policy at the state, regional and local levels and their impact on health disparities in communities of color. This forum is only one of a series of sessions/workshops designed specifically for organizations, agencies and individuals who’ve dedicated themselves to the elimination of health disparities in Washington State.

WSAHCC was founded in 2005 by representatives from communities most impacted by health disparities & organizations that serve them to assist in moving towards meaningful and effective community based solutions. The WSAHCC is a vehicle for leadership development, an advocate for culturally and linguistically appropriate and responsive health care services and is positioning itself to provide critical input on public policy. WSAHCC’s mission is the elimination of health disparities and the creation of a system of health care equity where care, culture and community complete the circle for health.

We hope that you’ll accept this invitation to join us at WSAHCC’s first leadership forum of 2006 in developing proactive solutions to eliminate, health care injustices that continue to plague our communities.

Sincerely,

WSAHCC Steering Committee

*“Every moment is a sacred moment, and ever action, when imbued with dedication and commitment to benefit all beings, is a sacred act.”*

*Dhyani Ywahoo*

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*"Leadership Series"*

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY BASED SOLUTIONS THROUGH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

## ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES: *"FROM POLICIES TO PRACTICE"*

*Wednesday, June 7, 2006*

*8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

*Center Point Corporate Park Conference Center  
72nd Ave. S. Kent WA 20809*

### Guest Moderator:

Corliss McKeever, CEO,  
*African American Health Coalition, Portland Oregon*



### Panel Discussion Topics

- What is the impact of health disparities in our communities?
- Public Policy defined, how does it tie into eliminating health disparities, how do we solve it, are we properly addressing the problem?
- What is public policy and how is it developed?
- When Public Policy is developed how it is interpreted and implemented?
- What steps do impacted communities have to take to reverse the trend?



### Invited Guest Panelists:

Senator Rosa Franklin • Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos •  
Christina Hulet, Governor's Health Policy Advisor • Deputy Secretary Blake Chard, DSHS •  
Dr. Clarence Spigner • Juan Alaniz • Emma Ross Medicine White Crow •

**Registration Cost: \$25 per person**

*(Lunch included)*

Materials will be sent out in mid May

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